GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA

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RADIOACTIVE MONITORING STATIONS
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of radioactive monitoring stations set up to check radioactive levels in the country;

(b) whether air samples are being collected and analysed regularly by these stations to check environmental pollution caused by radioactive substances;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of the agencies monitoring the radioactive level; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and steps taken to check the pollution created by these stations ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINIST OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) There are twenty five (25) radioactive monitoring stations set up in the country to check the radioactive levels.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) & (d) The Environmental Assessment Division of the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Health Physics Units and Environmental Survey Laboratories of Health, Safety & Environment Group of BARC at different locations in the country, two Defence laboratories(Jodhpur and Tezpur) and two universities (Andhra University and Mangalore University) regularly monitor the radioactive levels.